REMARKS

The office action and the references cited in it have been carefully considered together with the present application and amendments have been made to several of the claims, including all of the independent claims, in an effort to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. While this application is under final rejection, applicants request that the amendments that have been made to the claims be considered, given the fact that the second office action was based on entirely different art than was relied upon in the initial office action.

The examiner has only objected to claims 9-15 but has rejected claims 1-8 and 16 and 17 as either being anticipated by Ote et al. (hereinafter "Ote") or as being obvious over Ote. Claim 9, which was only objected to by the examiner, has been amended to be an independent claim with the subject matter of claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 being added to claim 9. This has been done in order to place the objected to claims in condition for immediate allowance.

Additionally, claims 1, 16 and 17 have been amended in a similar manner to emphasize pre-existing differences between the invention claimed in these claims from Ote. The portions of the specification and drawings that the examiner has set out in the claim rejections clearly indicate that Ote is directed to a different invention than that claimed in claim 1. Ote is concerned with physical faults that may occur in a computer, such as abnormal housing temperature, the stop of a cooling fan or a fault in a power supply unit and such faults are detected and presumably managed by being communicated to a server processing board, i.e., the SVP board as described in column 7. The fault events are logged in a fault log recorder that is also sent to the agent.

These types of faults are not the same as the event data that is being logged in the method of claim 1, or the system of claim 16 or the device driver of claim 17. As is set forth in the very first page of the present application, the event data is data for events that are defined as significant occurrences of a task or program or may relate to matters such as completions, connections, processes, terminations,

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status changes, errors and warnings which do not necessarily relate to the physical condition of the computer system that Ode is concerned with, i.e., physical fault conditions such as abnormal housing temperatures, the stopping of a cooling fan or power supply fault and the like. The present invention relates to data of events of the task or program that runs on any number of computers in a network that may also contain a peripheral device that is connected to a server.

This distinction is now set forth in claim 1 which specifically identifies that a plurality of computers are involved and the events are specifically defined. More particularly, claim 1 is directed to a method for logging event data from at least one operable application program resident on any one or more of a plurality of computers or at least one peripheral device operably connected in a network to a server using a long manager device driver, the log event data comprising a log manager file having events of the type which relate to completions, connections, processes, terminations, status changes, errors and warnings that can be used to perform network diagnostics and troubleshooting. Moreover, the method of claim 1 comprises the steps of registering said log manager device driver with said server to receive all incoming event data from the computers or the at least one peripheral device. This step is not anticipated, taught or suggested by Ote for the reason that Ote simply does not operate in this manner. Moreover, the method includes the step of responding to a download request for said office manager file from any requesting computer by said log manager device driver so that said requesting computer can use said log manager file to perform diagnostic or troubleshooting activities. Ote simply does not anticipate, teach or suggest this step for the reason that it also does not operate in this manner. There is no discussion or hint of the notion that *any computer on the network may request the log manager file be downloaded to the requesting computer so that it may perform diagnostic or troubleshooting activities.* It is simply not described or inferred by Ote. For this reason, Ote fails to anticipate, teach or suggest the claimed method of amended claim 1. Claims 16 and 17 also incorporate
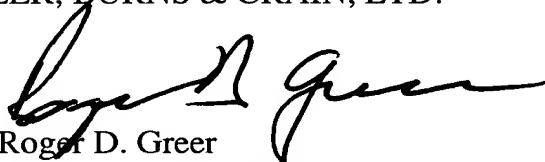
the amendments that have been made to claim 1 and are also believed to be allowable for the same reasons as has been discussed with regard to claim 1.

Since the dependent claims necessarily include the features of the independent claims from which they depend and in addition add other features and/or functionality not found in those claims, it is also believed that the dependent claims presently appearing in the application are also in condition for immediate allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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